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REMARKS

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1. a. A large Soviet motor vehicle repair shop was observed in ZEESEN, near KOENIGSWUSTERHAUSEN (N 53/V 02), in early July 1949. The repair shop comprised several sections including a cylinder grinding shop, a crankshaft grinding-shop, a cog-wheel milling-shop and an assembly line. It was equipped with modern special machinery which had been dismantled in the "BMW" and other plants.
- b. The repair shop was said to be capable of manufacturing all spare parts required for motor vehicles of US make. The waste ratio was said to be high because of the low quality of the available steel.
2. The personnel of the repair shop included 800 German PWs (skilled workmen) and a Soviet staff of 11 engineer officers and 4 civilian engineers, commanded by Capt MOROZOV.
3. a. The repair shop overhauled a monthly average of three hundred vehicles which allegedly arrived by rail from GRUDZIADZ. Some of the repaired vehicles were distributed to units in the Soviet Zone of Germany and some were shipped via GRUDZIADZ to the Soviet Union.
- b. Motor vehicles of units from all over the Soviet Zone of Germany had been overhauled in the repair shop up to November 1948. However, since the beginning of 1949, only motor vehicles of units stationed in the vicinity of KOENIGSWUSTERHAUSEN have been accepted for repair.
4. a. The repair shop received three hundred trucks on 12 July 1949. These trucks had to be repaired as quickly as possible and all other repair work had to be stopped.

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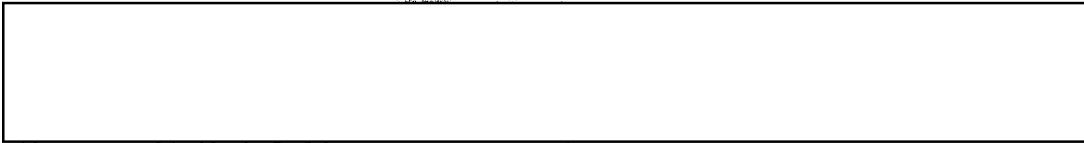
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6. It was said that 1,200 motor vehicles were in the shop for repair.

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 Comment: The ZERSEN motor vehicle repair shop and distributing point is known from previous reports. According to records of the German railroads, shipments of motor vehicles en route from the Soviet Union to the Soviet Zone of Germany were frequently bound for ZERSEN.

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